

3. In April last, the two gentlemen forming the Commission submitted to me an interim report, printed copies of which I now enclose.

4. Both reports have been laid before Parliament, and the consideration of them will probably be postponed until the final report, which has been promised by the Commissioners, has been received, intimating the direction which in their opinion legislation should take upon this much-vexed question.

I have, &c.,

HERCULES ROBINSON.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Kimberley.

(For enclosures, *vide* Appendix to Journals, House of Representatives, G. 2, 1880.)

No. 15.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor Sir HERCULES ROBINSON to the Right Hon. the Earl of KIMBERLEY.

(No. 46.)

Government House, Wellington,

MY LORD,—

New Zealand, 10th August, 1880.

With reference to the recommendations contained in the circular despatch from the Right Hon. Sir Michael Hicks Beach, Bart., of the 27th April last, I have the honor to forward to your Lordship a copy of a memorandum which I have received from the Premier, informing me that an Act has been passed by the Legislature of this colony to enable a census to be taken on the 3rd April, 1881.

I have, &c.,

HERCULES ROBINSON.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Kimberley.

No. 16.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor Sir HERCULES ROBINSON to the Right Hon. the Earl of KIMBERLEY.

(No. 48.)

Government House, Wellington,

MY LORD,—

New Zealand, 10th August, 1880.

I have the honor to forward printed copies of the third report of the West Coast Commission, recommending the measures which in the opinion of the Commissioners should forthwith be adopted for the settlement of the West Coast difficulty.

The report has been laid before Parliament, and it is to be hoped that the session will not be allowed to close without legislation on the subject.

I have, &c.,

HERCULES ROBINSON.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Kimberley.

(For enclosures, *vide* Appendix to Journals, House of Representatives, G. 2, 1880.)

No. 17.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor Sir HERCULES ROBINSON to the Right Hon. the Earl of KIMBERLEY.

(No. 50.)

Government House, Wellington,

MY LORD,—

New Zealand, 11th August, 1880.

In compliance with the request contained in your Lordship's Despatch No. 10, of the 3rd June last, I have now the honor to forward copy of a memorandum which I have received from the Hon. the Premier, covering a report from the Under-Secretary for Defence as to the state of the graves of the officers and men of the 43rd and 68th Regiments at Tauranga.

I have, &c.,

HERCULES ROBINSON.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Kimberley.